Mr. I. N. Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Did the Government appoint persons of real literary merit without understanding their literary qualifications?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Other things being equal I said members of this Committee will serve other purposes than research.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Am I to take it that Mr. Kannangath Raman Menon was made a member for purposes other than the improvement of the Malayalam language?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It is for more literary merit than research work.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Is not Mr. Kannangath Raman Menon the Secretary to the Committee?

Mr. A. Narayana Menon.— Is Mr. Kannangath Raman Menon a poet and has he not also experience of journalism?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.— Were the new rules so framed as to get rid of the services of His Highness the Appan Tampuran?

Mr. I. N. Menon.— Government should resent such question.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know what was the reason to go in after foreigners?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—On the field of literature there is no such thing as foreigner.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Were not the Government aware of persons other than Appan Tampuran and Krishna Pisharodi?

The Maharaja's College.

64. **Mr. P. Raman Menon.**— Will the Government be pleased to state.—

Is the Maharaja's College a self-supporting institution now?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—No.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—May I know what is the approximate deficit?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—In the current year the estimates suggest about Rs. 1,69,000 by way of expenditure and about Rs. 57,000 by way of receipts.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know, Sir, whether there is any first grade college in India which is a self-supporting institution?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Its not possible to have a college as a self-supporting institution.

Building Grants—Private Educational Institutions.

65. **Mr. P. Raman Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

are the Government prepared to consider the question of allowing proper building grants to private educational institutions, considering the pitiable condition of the buildings of many private schools and the incapacity of private agencies, willing to open new schools, to put up proper buildings?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Building grants are given according to necessity and when funds permit as laid down in Art. 91. C. E. C.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Is there any instance of building grant having been given for the last three years?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Some have been given for colleges.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—For secondary institutions?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I want notice; but I may say that for some primary schools grants have been given in the shape of timber.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Is it a general rule that no grant is to be given or is it only an exceptional case?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The article of the Code, 'Special grants may, when funds permit, be given up to a third of the cost of the erection, purchase or enlargement of school buildings for hostels and boarding houses for girls and up to half the cost of furniture and educational apparatus under the following conditions'. It was not exceptional then. We were given ample funds. But it has become more and more rare.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Does the Government earmark every year some amount under this head?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—No. A special amount is alloted for it.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Has the Government received any applications for building grant?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—There is one from St. Thomas College for the extension of the Laboratory. That is the only one.

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